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DATE: 7/2/2021

SUBJECT: Duluth Fire responds to structure fire in Central Hillside neighborhood

BY: Assistant Chief Clint Reff

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Structure Fire

CASE NO.: 21-7042

INCIDENT DATE: 7/2/2021

INCIDENT TIME: 7:53 p.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 100 Block of East 3rd Street

Duluth Fire responds to structure fire in Central Hillside neighborhood

[Duluth, MN] Just before 8:00 p.m. the Duluth Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire at 100 block of East 3rd Street. The original dispatch reported a lot of smoke coming from a two-story apartment building. Upon arrival crews found a large amount of smoke coming from a basement unit. There was an on-scene report of a person trapped inside. It was later confirmed that the occupant was not home at the time of the fire.

7 Engine crew from Duluth Heights had cleared a call at the hospital and arrived on scene first, they laid a handline to the rear of the building for fire attack. 1 Engine crew from Headquarters arrived and began evacuating neighboring apartments. Primary and secondary searches were conducted by Rescue 1 and 1 Tower crews. This resulted in a report of "All Clear".

2 Engine crew from Lincoln Park on arrival laid a line into the rear of the structure. 4 Quint crew from UMD assisted with overhaul.

A tenant from the first-floor apartment was evacuated from within the building. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

Fire companies from Headquarters, Duluth Heights, Lincoln Park, and UMD responded. The Duluth Police Department provided traffic control, and helped to evacuate the building and adjacent buildings. Mayo Clinic Ambulance was dispatched and cleared after confirming there were no injuries.

This incident is under investigation by the Duluth Fire Marshal's Office. Damage is estimated at \$5,000 for structure, and \$2,500 for contents. No additional information is available at this time.

This was the second structure fire of the day that fire crews responded to.

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